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SUBJECT:

Pennzoil Products Company

DATE: MAR 1 3 1992

SPCC Docket No. WV-89-009

FROM:

Benjamin Kalkstein

Regional Judicial and Presiding Officer (3RC00)

TO:

Interested Agency Staff and Office of Regional Counsel

I have been designated as the Presiding Officer in a proceeding against the subject Respondent under Section 311(j)(2) of the Clean Water Act, 33 U.S.C. § 1321(j)(2), involving the Chief of the Superfund Removal Branch, members of his staff, Assistant Regional Counsel Judith R. Hykel, their witnesses and other EPA employees who participated in the preparation, investigation or deliberations concerning the Notice of Violation and Proposed Civil Penalty that is the subject of this proceeding. The proceeding is governed by 40 C.F.R. Part 114, "CIVIL PENALTIES FOR VIOLATION OF OIL POLLUTION PREVENTION REGULATIONS."

Part 114 contains no express prohibition on <u>Ex Parte</u> communications (written or oral communications relating to the merits of the proceeding), but the Presiding Officer has "... the duty to conduct a fair and impartial hearing..." under 40 C.F.R. § 114.9. <u>Ex Parte</u> communications could make it difficult to fulfill this duty. Accordingly, please avoid discussion of this case in my presence.

## INTERESTED AGENCY STAFF

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